



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GUIDE



**HENDERSON**  
HIGH SCHOOL

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*Sharing our Success*



# WELCOME TO HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS GUIDE

## Our Facilities

- **Small, friendly school 25 minutes from the center of Auckland City**
- **Spacious, park-like grounds nestled in the Waitakere ranges**
- **Emphasis on excellence in academic, sporting and cultural achievement**
- **Talented and enthusiastic staff**
- **More than 15 years experience hosting international students**
- **Superb homestay programme**
- **Swimming pool and Gymnasium facilities**
- **Excellent library with on-line computer services**
- **Technology, Art and Photography Departments**
- **Close to large shopping mall and community sporting facilities**

## Principal

The school's international student programme is overseen by Mike Purcell, who is Principal of the school. Mike has wide experience in New Zealand education and a proven track record as the successful principal of two other secondary schools in New Zealand.

Mike says:

"Our vision is to foster a progressive learning environment that helps all our students graduate as mature, confident young people, who have the know-how and drive to achieve success in their chosen fields."

Learning technologies are essential tools to support 21st Century skill development, but the quality of learning is what counts most in student success. Teachers are expected to deliver curriculum programmes that are stimulating and relevant. Students are expected to focus and contribute.

Our emphasis on positive, happy students is supported by school rules that maintain high standards and ensure a safe environment for all."

## Mike Purcell, Principal

B.A., Dip. Spec. Ed., M.Ed. (Cant), M.Ed.Admin (Massey)



# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE COMING TO NEW ZEALAND



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We are pleased that you are thinking about studying in New Zealand.

Before your application is processed, ask someone to help you to understand the information in this booklet. It should help you to decide if the New Zealand education system is suitable for you and your chosen career path.

## What are the criteria for enrolment?

International Students enrolling at Henderson High School must:

1. Have their parent's consent to study at Henderson High School;
2. Have parents sign all contracts as supplied;
3. Include the most recent school reports and examination results in your application. Henderson High School may also request a comprehensive reference from a past school Principal or HeadTeacher with each application in order to assess a student's English Language competence and other abilities so that placement will meet the student's needs;
4. Have a sufficient knowledge of the English Language;
5. Accept the direction of the professional staff of Henderson High School in subject and level placement;
6. Inform Henderson High School of any sickness, behavioural, disability or special education needs before enrolment;
7. Prove that they have acceptable medical and travel insurance throughout their stay in New Zealand;
8. Stay in accommodation approved by the school; and
9. Meet the conditions of New Zealand Immigration Service student visa/permit requirements

## What happens when I arrive at the airport?

Henderson High School will arrange for someone to meet you at the airport. You will be taken to your host family's house, where you will be welcomed as one of the family. They will help you to learn about New Zealand and show you around their neighbourhood.

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## **What happens when I start school?**

On arrival at Henderson High School you will have an orientation programme. This has been designed to assist you to integrate successfully into the New Zealand High School system. It will include:

1. Information on how to fit into and benefit from the New Zealand secondary school system and living conditions.
2. Details about the school's facilities, courses available, culture, rules and environment.
3. Information about the community around us.

## **What happens if I have homestay concerns?**

If you are having a homestay problem, you should contact the International Students Director as soon as possible. They will discuss the issue with you and if it cannot be resolved, will arrange a meeting with your homestay family, the homestay manager and yourself.

## **What happens if I have academic or school concerns?**

1. Students arriving after the commencement of the school year cannot be guaranteed acceptance into subject areas of choice.
2. The suitability of the academic programme and level offered will be reviewed from time to time. The school reserves the right to make appropriate changes after any review.
3. If you have a problem at school you should contact your teacher, the International Student Director or Pastoral Care Dean.

If you are not happy with the decision made by them in consultation with you and your parents, you have the right to take your concerns to the Disputes Resolution Scheme (DRS). Henderson High School will help you with this process. NZQA 0800 697 296 or [qadrisk@nzqa.govt.nz](mailto:qadrisk@nzqa.govt.nz).

Henderson High School has signed the NZQA's Code of Practice Agreement. This ensures the internal grievance process is fair and just. If the school is unable to resolve any problem, you will be directed to the DRS. This is an independent, government funded agency and they will help to resolve any issues on your behalf.

For further information see <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice/student-complaints/>



# ENROLMENT INFORMATION

## Health and Travel Insurance

Most students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while they are in New Zealand, unless they are:

- i. A resident or citizen of Australia or New Zealand; or
- ii. A national of the United Kingdom in New Zealand; or
- iii. The holder of a temporary permit that is valid for two years or more; or
- iv. Covered by the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC).

If you do not belong to one of these special categories and you receive medical treatment during your visit, you will be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Henderson High School and Immigration New Zealand requires that you have insurance that will cover the cost of medical treatment in New Zealand and insurance to cover your travel to and from New Zealand.

Henderson High School can arrange a suitable insurance policy at a reasonable rate for you if you wish. Our insurance policy includes travel and medical cover. Any pre-existing medical or mental health issues should be disclosed or claims may be declined.

The school is not liable for any loss, damage, illness or injury to persons or property however caused, except where such liability is imposed by statute.

## School Rules and Attendance

1. Acceptance of and compliance with school rules is a contractual obligation on the part of the student.
2. The School has a published timetable and it is an obligation of the student to attend on all school days and be on time.
3. Absence or late attendance requires a medical certificate or letter signed by the Host Family, Parent or Caregiver.
4. Continued unexplained absences will lead to a warning and if absences persist this contract could be terminated and the student visa revoked.
5. Students are obliged to comply with the laws of New Zealand. Failure to do so or failure to comply with the School rules may lead to a termination of the student's contract.
6. In such circumstances a report would be made to Immigration New Zealand and could result in withdrawal of the student's visa.



## Travel Within New Zealand

Travel within New Zealand must be approved in advance by the school. Henderson High School reserves the right to reject travel plans that compromise the Code of Practice requirements.

## New Zealand Code of Practice

The School has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students. Translated copies of the Code are available on request from the School or from the NZQA website <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/providers-partners/education-code-of-practice/code-of-practice-resources-languages/>

## Information and Communication Technology

All students are required to sign a Digital Citizenship Use Agreement with the School. Use of any Information and Communication Technology (ICT) must be appropriate to the School environment as follows:

- i. For educational purposes only - The School's computer network, internet access, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices can be used only for educational purposes appropriate to the School environment.

Unacceptable use could include, but is not restricted to, acts of malicious or nuisance nature, invasion of privacy, harassment, bullying, using proxy websites, hacking, altering the settings on any ICT device or equipment without authorisation, plagiarism, gaming, impersonation/identity theft, spoofing, gambling, fraud, copyright infringement or cheating in an examination.

- ii. BYOD - Use of privately owned/leased devices on the School site or at any School related activity must be appropriate to the School environment. This includes any images or material present or stored on privately owned/leased devices bought onto the School site or to any school-related activity. **It also includes the use of mobile phones, iPods, MP3 players and USB's.**

## Curfew

New Zealand law states that students under 14 years of age are to be under adult supervision at all times. For older students, any change to the curfew rules below must be negotiated beforehand with homestay parents. The students must tell the homestay parents where they are at all times and must contact them if they are going to be later than expected. Students must give their homestay parents a phone number where they can be contacted when they are away from their homestays.

Age	Sunday-Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14-16 years	6.00pm	10.00pm	11.00pm
16-18 years	6.00pm	12.00pm	12.00pm



## **Smoking and Alcohol**

Students are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol, or to smoke. The Henderson High School Board will take a very strong stand if any student is found to be using or in possession of cigarettes or alcohol.

## **Illegal Drugs**

These will not be tolerated. Students found to be using drugs are likely to be excluded/expelled and sent home. If this happens the authorities will be notified.

## **Motor Vehicles**

1. Parents must guarantee that your son or daughter, for the length of the visa or permit issued by the New Zealand Immigration service to study at Henderson High School, will not own or drive a car at any time. This condition is to enable the School to meet its welfare obligations to the student in accommodation provided by the School.
2. Parents must acknowledge that should their son or daughter go against this requirement and drive or purchase a car in New Zealand, his or her parents will take full responsibility and will therefore not hold Henderson High School responsible if their son or daughter is involved in an accident.





# FEE SCHEDULE



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## Henderson High School International Fees 2019

	NZD
Tuition Fee - Full Year	\$14,000
Tuition Fee - Per Term	\$3,500
Registration and Homestay Placement	\$350
Residential Caregiver Monitoring if not in Homestay	\$500
Homestay per Week Age 14+	\$315
Homestay per Week Extra Care Rate for 13 year olds	\$325
Insurance - One Year Estimate	\$585
Contingency Fund for Unexpected Costs - Refundable	\$500

## Other Costs Not Included in Fees

	NZD
NCEA Exam Fee (Each Year for Years 11, 12 and 13)	\$384
Airport Transfer Each Way	\$85
Uniform (Required if Attending for more than One Term)	\$300-\$400

All students require a digital device to access Google Classroom in class and for homework.

Sports team fees, school trip, workbook and stationery and material costs vary according to the subjects chosen by the student.

A New Zealand cell phone is required and a Vodafone SIM card preloaded with \$5.00 credit will be provided to the student on arrival.

An AT Hop Card for public transport can be bought for \$10.00.

High internet usage is not included in the homestay fee.

A hold fee of \$75 per week applies to reserve placement and store belongings during the New Zealand summer holiday.



# REFUND CONDITIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEES

All tuition fees are to be paid prior to commencement of a course at Henderson High School. Payment of fees is confirmation and acceptance of a contract at Henderson High School.

## **Henderson High School will only refund fees in the following circumstances:**

- Refunded (less registration fees) if the application is withdrawn before the starting date on the Offer of Place.
- Refunded (less any costs incurred) if the student is unable to obtain a study visa.
- Refunded (pro-rata, less costs incurred) if the student has to return home on medical grounds or due to the death or serious medical condition of a family member (evidence required).
- Refunded (pro-rata) if the school is unable to continue to deliver the programme and transfer to another suitable school is not possible.
- Refunded (pro-rata) if the school is no longer a signatory to the Code of Practice or ceases to be an education provider.

## **No refunds will be made if:**

- The student wishes to change school after commencement.
- The student's visa/immigration status changes after commencement.
- The student chooses to leave before completing the course.
- The student is asked to leave because of misbehaviour, poor attendance, failure to comply with the school or homestay contract, school or homestay rules and New Zealand law.

Any application for refund of tuition fees may be considered and should be made in writing to the Board of Trustees with an explanation of the circumstances. Refunds will be granted in accordance with the relevant legislation, including; The Education Act 1989, The Fair Trading Act 1986, The Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 and the Human Rights Act 1993.

## **Registration Fee**

Not refundable.

## **Homestay Fees**

Refunded on departure if overpayment has occurred, after a minimum of two weeks notice given, less deduction of any unpaid costs.







## REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

If you wish to register your interest in enrolment at Henderson High School please telephone Mrs Paula Hart on +64 9 838 9085 ext. 737 or email [phart@hhs.school.nz](mailto:phart@hhs.school.nz)



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